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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE UNITED NATIONS

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- 1. WE SUMMARIZED U.S. VIEWS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES (REF. AND PRIOR TELS.) IN A NON-PAPER FOR MFA'S OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR UN AFFAIRS, MINISTER FERRABOSCHI.
- 2. FERRABOSCHI, AFTER CLOSE READING OF TEXT, EXPRESSED BOTH PLEASURE AND INTEREST IN NEW U..S. INITIATIVE. HE SAID IT WILL BE WELL RECEIVED IN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS ITSELF CONCERNED WITH THE SUBJECT, ONE WHICH ANTICIPATES IT WILL BE A "DOMINANT" THEME AT 32ND UNGA. HE ALSO NOTED THE RELEVANCE OF OUR INITIATIVE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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UPCOMING LEGRADE CONFERENCE.

3. FERRABOSCHI PARTICULARLY COMMENDED OUR ADVOCACY OF UNIVERSAL, RATHER THAN SELECTIVE, APPLICABILITY OF RIGHTS. THIS WILL HELP RECTIFY AN EXISTING PROBLEM WHICH IS PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE "LEADERSHIP VACUUM" ON RIGHTS MATTERS. THE FAILURE UNTIL NOW OF U.S., AND THERE

FORE WESTERN, GOVERNMENTS TO ADDRESS THEMSELVES TO BROAD AND INDISPUTABLE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES HAS LEFT THE FILED OPEN FOR ATTACKS ON THE WEST VIA, FOR EXAMPLE, SOUTH AFRICA AND CHILE.BEAUDRY UNQUOTE VQNCE.

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